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8. (Amended) A process for producing an isolated polypeptide selected from one of the groups consisting of

- (a) an isolated polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1;
- (b) an isolated polypeptide comprising a polypeptide sequence having at least 95% identity to the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;
- c) an isolated polypeptide having at least 95% identity to the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2; and
- d) the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and
- (e) fragments and variants of such polypeptides in (a) to (d).

and comprising the step of culturing a host cell as defined in claim 7 under conditions sufficient for the production of said polypeptide and recovering the polypeptide from the culture medium.

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10. (Amended) An antibody immunospecific for the polypeptide of claim 1.